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Dear Mr. Vance:

Thank you for your letter of 6 November inviting me to address the 10th annual National Strategy Seminar at the Army War College on 9 June 1964.

I recall with pleasure my participation last year and I am happy to accept your invitation to take part again.

Sincerely,

/S/

John A. McCone  
Director

Mr. Cyrus R. Vance *cc: A.M.*  
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Dear Mr. McCone:

On behalf of the United States Army, I extend my personal and official invitation to you to address the tenth annual National Strategy Seminar at the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, at 1:30 p.m. on June 9, 1964. The seminar is scheduled this year from June 9 through June 12, 1964.

You will recall from your participation last June that the seminar is the climax of nearly a year's study by a student body composed of outstanding senior Army officers and representatives from other services and governmental agencies. These individuals are selected annually to attend the Army War College as an important part of their preparation to assume high command and top-level staff positions. The phase of instruction provided by this seminar is unique in that the student body is joined by nearly 100 distinguished guests, both civilian and military. These guests bring to the College a vast store of knowledge derived from their experience in industry, government, education, science, and many other fields, which is utilized to develop jointly with the faculty and student body a theoretical national strategy and a supporting military program for the United States.

The development of this national strategy requires the participants to establish, from the point of view of the National Security Council, long-term national goals, subsidiary objectives, and implementing alternative policies within the framework of the existing national and international situation. Based upon previous experience and the enthusiastic endorsement by past participants, we are confident that the free interchange of ideas among guests of such prominence will result in a better understanding of the security situation of the United States and be of great mutual benefit to all who participate.

To provide a proper framework for the seminar discussions, we are most anxious to obtain your comments and opinions on "The World Situation" in the form of an address. I am inclosing a suggestion as to the scope of the talk which might best support the seminar. For your

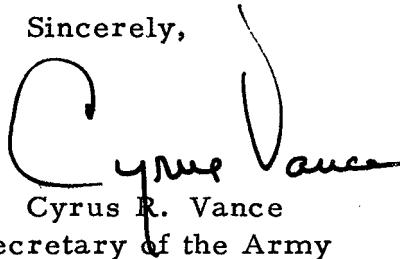
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information, the scopes of the other planned lectures are also listed, together with the names of the other speakers whom we are inviting. In this connection, the seminar will be classified SECRET, and remarks by participants are privileged and will not be disseminated outside the College unless the speaker's consent is first obtained.

We would, of course, be most pleased if you would join us for the entire seminar. Although I realize that your busy schedule may preclude such attendance, I am confident that you would find the entire session both interesting and productive. Your sagacious remarks last June provided precisely the type of framework we require for fruitful seminar discussions. Your acceptance of this engagement would, as it did last year, contribute importantly to the success of this year's National Strategy Seminar. I sincerely hope your schedule will permit you to attend this important activity.

With regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,



Cyrus R. Vance  
Secretary of the Army

The Honorable John A. McCone  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Tentative Schedule for Addresses at  
the National Strategy Seminar

United States Army War College

1:30 p.m., June 9, 1964 - "The World Situation," by Honorable John A. McCone, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency

A survey of the world situation in 1964 with emphasis on trends affecting the security interests of the United States.

10:30 a.m., June 10, 1964 - "A Strategy for the United States," by The Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State

An expression of the President's over-all concept of the employment and interrelationship of political, military, economic, and in the formulation and execution of a national strategy.

9:00 a.m., June 11, 1964 - "Military Aspects of National Strategy," by General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

A discussion of the role and influence of military considerations in relation to national strategy, the interrelationships of military with other factors in serving and shaping the national strategy and the derivative problems and requirements of the military in accomplishing its mission.

1:30 p.m., June 11, 1964 - "The Role of the Defense Secretariat," by The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary of the Army

An analysis of the bridge between the President and the military professional in the development, implementation, and management of national military strategy; the related roles of the defense secretariat as they pertain to Congress, the other departments of the executive branch, the other agencies of government, industry, and the public; and the civil-military relationship.

11:15 a.m., June 12, 1964 - "United States Army Response to National Security Requirements," by General Barksdale Hamlett, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army

The role and employment of United States Army forces as part of the joint team in support of United States national strategy; current Army posture; cold war programs; and specific major Army objectives. Extemporaneous assessment of the plenary session in light of the world situation.